

EDITORIAL.

THE MEETING of the A. A. A. S. in New York City next summer will give botanists a privilege that they will much prize. The Botanical Club will, in a certain sense, be the guests of the Torrey Botanical Club, and under the guidance of that well-organized body everything of botanical interest that is within reach will be laid tributary to the entertainment of the club. The Torrey herbarium, the Meisner collection, and all the other riches of the Columbia College collections will be objects of great interest. The salt marshes, the sea beaches, the New Jersey collecting grounds, all offer attractions and easily accessible fields. The greatest attraction, however, should be the presence of botanists from all parts of the country. The social pleasures of such a meeting, the stimulus to more and better work which comes from it, are simply incalculable. We bespeak the largest attendance of botanists that has yet graced the meetings of the Association—botanists who have come prepared to give as well as to receive, and who will take a prominent part in the work of the biological section as well as in that of the club. How the improbability of obtaining special rates in these days of interstate commerce law will affect the attendance from the west remains to be seen, but it will probably seriously interfere with it.

MR. J. B. ELLIS, in a recent number of the *Journal of Mycology*, has criticised the wording of the title of Professor Scribner's paper on black rot, read before the Botanical Club of the A. A. A. S. and published in the GAZETTE for last November, because the name of the fungus *Physalospora Bidwellii* is credited solely to Dr. Saccardo, whereas the species was originally described by Mr. Ellis as a member of the genus *Sphaeria*. Mr. Ellis contends that in changing the species to another genus his name should still have been retained as authority, either with or without being included in a parenthesis, whether the name of Saccardo were added or not, and in support of this view cites the usage of Drs. Winter, Cooke and Fries. Dr. Roumeguère has a note on the matter in the last *Revue Mycologique*, in which he expresses his disapproval of "the incorrectly abbreviated form" used by Professor Scribner, but is not willing to subscribe in full to the views of Mr. Ellis. There is much diversity of opinion and usage touching the subject, and support can be found for both sides of the present question; but we think the form *P. Bidwellii* (Ellis) Sacc. would receive nearly universal approval, although many would consider it equally satisfactory to omit one or the other authority.